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DISTRIBUTED VOICE USER INTERFACE

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A distributed voice user interface system includes a local device which receives speech input issued from 10 a user. Such speech input may specify a command or a request by the user. The local device performs preliminary processing of the speech input and determines whether it is able to respond to the command or request by itself. If not, the local device 15 initiates communication with a remote system for further processing of the speech input.